

The Debaters Association of Victoria

Benalla Regional Debating Competition

Since 2005, the DAV has run regional programs around Victoria to encourage students in rural areas to become involved in debating. Our regional programs are open to any student in years 7 to 10, regardless of their debating experience. This year the Benalla program will include a training session for inexperienced debaters followed by a day of debates for students in years 7 to 10.

Training Day

The training day (an optional component designed for inexperienced debaters) will be held on Thursday 21 August at FCJ College Benalla. This session will cover the basics of debating; methods of preparation; how to formulate an argument and develop a case. The training day provides students with an opportunity to build on their debating skills and confidence prior to the competition day. This is also a chance for students to ask questions of DAV trainers and adjudicators and to benefit from their extensive experience. Schools that are unable to attend the training day will receive a debating and resource guide to assist students to prepare for the competition day.

Debating Competition

The debating competition is divided into two divisions: years 7/8 and years 9/10. Debates will be held on Monday 8 September at FCJ College Benalla from 9.15 am until 3.00 pm. Each division has three debates, including one secret topic debate. All debates are viewed by experienced adjudicators who will offer students in-depth and constructive feedback.

Why Debate?

Participating in debating is a great way for students to build their public speaking skills, develop critical thinking and to work closely with other schools in the region. The Benalla Regional Debating Competition is a rare opportunity for students to gain feedback from experienced adjudicators and to participate in a structured and welcoming interschool program.

When?

Training Day: Students are invited to join us on **Thursday 21 August** at FCJ College Benalla from 1.00 pm until 3.00 pm.

Competition Day: Held on **Monday 8 September** at FCJ College Benalla from 9.15 am until 3.00 pm.

Fees

\$120 per team and a one time \$30 DAV membership payment for schools that have not participated in DAV competitions this year. Cost includes participation in the training day.

(Minimum of 3 and maximum of 9 students per team)

Registration

Coordinators must complete a registration form and submit it to the DAV through fax or email by **5pm, Monday 18 August**.

Schools may enter up to two teams in each division.

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Weekdays 10AM–5PM

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